

Letter Sounds: Show These

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Point at a letter and ask what SOUND it makes, then what it is called. Write what happened on page 2. There are no pictures here on purpose — a picture would give the answer away.

a A

b B

c C

d D

e E

f F

g G

h H

i I

j J

k K

l L

m M

n N

o O

p P

q Q

r R

s S

t T

u U

v V

w W

x X

y Y

z Z



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Letter Sounds: The Record

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One row per letter. Tick the sound and the name separately — a child often has one without the other.

Letter	Sound	Name	Date	Date	Date
a A					
b B					
c C					
d D					
e E					
f F					
g G					
h H					
i I					
j J					
k K					
l L					
m M					
n N					
o O					
p P					
q Q					
r R					
s S					
t T					
u U					
v V					
w W					
x X					
y Y					
z Z					



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Letter Sounds: How to Use It

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For the grown-up. Ten minutes, three times a term, tells you more than any one sitting can.

ADULT Ask for the sound first

Point at a letter on page 1 and ask what sound it makes. Then ask what it is called. Tick the columns separately, because a child who can name every letter and sound none of them is in a very different place from one who can do both for half the alphabet.

ADULT AND CHILD Stop when it stops being fun

Twenty-six letters is too many for one sitting with most four-year-olds. Do a row or two, leave the rest, and come back. A sheet finished over a week is worth more than one abandoned halfway.

ADULT Do not correct during the check

Say nothing about a wrong answer until the sheet is down. Correcting mid-check turns an inventory into a lesson, and what you write down stops being what your child knew before you helped.

ADULT Teach the first two or three gaps, not the worst

Read down the sound column for the first letters with no tick and start there. Two or three at a time, not twenty-six: the point of a list of gaps is to make the next week obvious, not to describe everything at once.

ADULT AND CHILD Come back in a month

Use the second and third date columns. A child moving from four sounds to eleven over a term is the thing worth knowing, and it is invisible on any single sheet.



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